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To: K1DOM.K1PO1(BKENNARD)
Date: Fri, Apr 9, 1999 2:05 AM
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

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Steven Sturza (cordata@ameritech.net) writes:

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Hello. I am writing in regard to the proposed SBC/Ameritech merger. I am a resident of Michigan, and I applaud your delaying the proposed merger.

In my opinion, Ameritech currently does not provide high quality service, nor do they care about the customer. Also, I understand that prices may have to be raised occasionally, but Ameritech seems to constantly raise prices on one feature or another. With these constant increases in price, I expect an increase in the quality of service that I am provided with.

Personally, I feel that allowing Ameritech to merge with SBC would be a terrible mistake. The only people that might benefit from such a merger would be the executives from both companies. At the other end of the playing field are the customers of these two companies which will probably end up with less product for more money.



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Subject: Re: Comments to the Chairman

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Thank you for your comment. It has been forwarded to the staff in the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau for appropriate handling.

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>>> Claude Roberts <claudio@apexcorp.com> 03/12 7:37 PM >>>

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Claude Roberts (claudio@apexcorp.com) writes:

you are considering a merger of sbc.com and Ameritech.
what you should add to your list is fair treatment of their customers!!!

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SBC is currently holding it's customers hostage. Just One Example is ISDN phone service the prices are out of sight an no one is doing any thing about it.

\$124.58 FOR ONE isdn LINE FOR ONE MONTH IS NOT FAIR TREATMENT OF CUSTOMERS

ANY SERVICE NOT REGULATED IS BAD NEWS WITH SBC.

LACK OF REASONABLE SERVICE IS HURTING A LOT OF BUSINESSES.
THESE BUSSINESSES HAVE ONLY TWO CHOICES

DO WITH OUT

OR

GET ROBBED AND THEN HAVE TO PASS IT ON TO THEIR CUSTOMERS

EITHER WAY THE BUSINESS THAT NEEDS THE SERVICE LOSES CUSTOMERS AND HAVE NO PLACE TO COMPLAIN THAT DOES ANY GOOD

ISDN PHONE SERVICE SHOULD COST VERY LITTLE MORE THAN THE BASE RATE FOR NORMAL PHONE SERVICE!!

LONG DISTANCE ISDN COSTS SHOULD BE THE SAME.



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From: <MZaboski@aol.com>
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Date: Thu, Apr 1, 1999 10:00 PM
Subject: SBC Merger

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Dear Mr. Kennard;

I would like to express me extreme displeasure with your stance on the SBC-Ameritech merger. In this age of global commerce, you are preventing some of America's best companies from fairly competing for their fair share of the communications pie. You are personally allowing companies like MCI Worldcom to come in and cherry-pick the best business customers of the baby bells while denying them equal access to MCI's long distance markets. Worse than this, foreign companies such as British Telecom, Vodafone, and Nippon Telephone are bulking up with the approval of their governments so that they can take on and beat the regulatory-hobbled American companies such as SBC. Your argument about the "last mile" and "open networks" is ludicrous in the age of wireless and cable communications. Talk to some engineers instead of lawyers for a change.

The fact that the Justice Department and ICC have approved of this merger only strengthens the argument (put forward by Senator McCain and other Congressmen) that the FCC is using mergers as a way to extort concessions. You, sir, do not have that power as FCC Commissioner. You past actions have shown that you are clearly biased against all of the Baby Bells. I intend to write letters to Congress urging that you and the FCC be held accountable for your biased actions as Commissioner. One man such as you should not have the power to stand in the way of nationwide telecommunications progress.

Mike Zaboski

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Date: Wed, Mar 24, 1999 7:49 PM
Subject: Re: SBC & Ameritech Proposed Merger

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Chairman Kennard requested that I acknowledge receipt of your comment and that it has been forwarded to the Common Carrier Bureau staff for appropriate handling.

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>>> Dave Osterfeld <dosterfeld@voyager.net> 03/24 3:39 AM >>>
Sir,

I saw today that the SBC/Ameritech merger is proceeding and now being reviewed by the FCC. I would like to present some facts that I find disturbing. As an Ameritech customer in Michigan I just received a 15% increase in my basic monthly rates. And as a consumer I receive absolutely NO ADDITIONAL services for this increase. In fact, something I feel is essentially illegal, I am being FORCED to pay for "the ability to change local carriers". That would be fine if I COULD make such a choice. But the reality is that I can NOT do this even if I wanted to. So I am being charged for a non-existent service. To me it is clear a near-monopoly will develop and consumers will lose in the long term. I am bright enough to know that technology is in fact REDUCING costs of many service providers. Thus, the 15% increase I have incurred is pure greed on the part of Ameritech and I suspect it will get worse over time. I truly hope the FCC looks at many of the realities and facts in this proposed merger.

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Please do not allow this merger to take place. As a consumer of Ameritech, I can tell you that the rates we have are high enough. SBC has a track record of not only raising rates by changing the structure of their billing of toll calls but by also eliminating any possibility of competition. The prospective merger is a gain for stockholders and the CEOs of these companies. It is not about improving service, improving competition.....its all about money, my money going into their pockets. DONT LET THIS HAPPEN——PLEASE.

Alberto Macin, Jr
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Subject: Kennard's Letter to CEO's re: SBC/Ameritex merger

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I just read in today's paper of your "concern" over the proposed merger of SBC and Ameritech.

am appalled that you are seriously considering blocking this merger. Are you oblivious to the globalization of not only telecommunications, but generally all major corporate business today? Consider the mergers over the past two years in Banking, Petroleum, Health Care, etc.

I hope you will not abuse the power provided to you and the commission and seriously attempt to block this deal. If that happens, I hope Congress will look into making some much needed changes to curb the authority you all have!

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